Price control on Tinidazole

1318. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tinidazole is only Rs. 100/- per kg. costlier as compared to Metranidazole in the market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that price of 4 tablets of Tinidazole is Rs. 6. 69 whereas 4 Tablets of Metranidazole are at Rs. 2. 40;

(c) whether it is a fact that indication of both these drugs is the same;

(d) whether it is also a fact that multi-national drug company has a monopoly brand based on Tinidazole;

(e) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry decontrolled Tinidazole from price control: and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken to include the drug under price control ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a), <b), (d) and (e) Tinidazole is a non-scheduled bulk drug. As per imports statistics pertaining to year 1988-89, the landed cost of this drug is Rs. 533. 70 per kg. On the other hand, the notified price of the bulk drug Metronidazole is Rs. 482/- per kg. From the MIMS August, 1990 edition. It has been noted that M/s. Euephoric are marketing Foreign tables (each tablet containing 500 mg. of Tinidazole) at Rs. 6. 69 (4's pack). However, there are a number of other fomulators who are marketing this formulation at *n* much lower price.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(f) The Standing Committee constituted by the Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals is looking into this aspect.

Production of vitamin B6 and Chloroquin Phosphate

1319. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2942 given in the Rajya Sabha on th? ltd September, 1990 and state:

(a) what is the installed capacity of IDPL for Sodium PAS, Erythromycin, Trimethoprim, Paracetamol, Metranidazole and Doxycyline and what is the estimated demand of each during 1990-91;

(b) what are the names of other producers of these drugs and what was the production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(e) what is the total value of plant and machinery of IDPL which is lying unutilised during the last three years;

(d) what was the produciion of Chloro quin Phosphate of IDPL duting the last three years, year-wise;

(e) whether it is a fact that Vitamin B6 and Chloroquin Phosphate are being produced by other units; and

. (f) if so, names of those units and production of each during hte last three years, year-wise of each drug ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND COMMUNICATION (SHRI JAI PRAKASH): (a) to (i) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Tabl$_e$ of the House.

Overcharging on alpha interferon

1320. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imported Alpha Interferron is being sold

at 300 per cent of th$_e$ GIF import price;

(b) what is the name o£ the company who imported this product and vJhat is the CIF import price of eacft unit;

(c) whether it is a fact that the product is exempted from custom duty;

(d) if so, on what ground;

(e) what is the name of the company who is marketing and selling this product;

(f) what is the MAPE allowed on imported products under DPCO, 1987 and what MAPE is being enjoyed on this product; and

(g) whether his Ministry has received any details of this product under DPCO, 1987, if so, the details thereof and if not what action has been taken against overcharging the price?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a), (b), (e) and (f) To the extent available, the information would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The product has been classified as essential and lifesaving by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(g) No details under DPCO, 1987, have been received in respect of this product. The question of taking action would i rise only after overcharging; if. any, iln this case is established.

Prices of Metrogyl infusion

1321. SHRl BEKAL UTSAHI: SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approved price of Metrogyl infusion and what is the price at which it is being sold;

(h) whether it is a fact that its price is being overcharged;

(c) whether it is a fact that Metronidazole is being sold at Rs. 385]- to Rs. 3901- per kg. in the market;

(d) what is the price of bulk drug taken in fixation of price of Metrogyl infusion;

(e) what are the names of leading brands of formulations based on Metronidazole being marketed in the country and when the last price of each was fixed; and

(f) what was the bulk drug price taken and what price was fixed for each brand of formulation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA); (a) and (d) The present approved price of Metrogyl Infusion (100ml. transfusion bottle) is Rs. 12. 81 (including Excise duty). While fixing this price, the notified price of the bulk drug Metronidazole 8 per cent incidents thereof was taken into account.

(b) This is being ascertained.

fc) It has been brought to the notice of the Government that certain bulk drugs including Metronidazole are being sold at the prices lower than the notified prices in the open market